Irregularities in the Office of Commissioner, Coal Mines Provident Fund, Nagpur

3980. SHRI DARA SINGH CHAUHAN : Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to news-item under the caption "Wekoli Ke Bhavishya Nirbah Nidhi Vibhag Mein Bhari Ghotala" appeared in Vidharbhi Ki Bat of 10th July, 2001;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Rashtriya Koyla Khadan Mazdoor Sangh (Paransongi Bramoh, Nagpur) made a representation alleging misappropriation, missing entries and corruption prevailing in the office of Commissioner, Coal Mines Provident Fund, Jaripatka, Nagpur; and

(d) whether Government propose to hold a judicial enquiry to bring out the fact, if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The said news-item made allegations regarding mis-appropriation of TA/DA and of illegal commission for releasing payments of various advance claims.

(c) Yes, Sir. As informed by Coal Mines Provident Fund Organisation, the allegations made by Rashtriya Koyla Khadan Mazdoor Sangh (RKKMS) in their representation have been examined from the point of view of any corruption involved and have been found to be un-substantiated. Reply to this effect has been given to both the General Secretary and Joint Secretary of RKKMS. Moreover, none of the claimants of the Provident Fund refund/advances has made any complaint.

(d) In view of the reply to part (c) above, question does not arise.

Applications received from private sector companies for exploration of coal in MCL

3981. SHRI ANANTA SETHI : Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state :

(a) the number of applications received by Government during last three years from private sector companies for exploration of coal in Mahanadi Coalfields Ltd;

(b) how many of these applications have been cleared/pending so far;

(c) the reasons for their pendency; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to clear these applications ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN) : (a) Government of India in the Ministry of Coal do not consider applications from private parties for grant of permission for exploration of coal.

(b) to (d) Do not arise in view of the reply to part (a) above.

Functioning of Jawaharlal Nehru Hospital, Kanhan

3982. SHRI R. S. GAVAI : Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have reviewed the functioning of Jawaharlal Nehru Hospital, constructed as super-speciality hospital for coal mine workers of WCL at Kanhan;

(b) if so, whether any irregularities have been found;

(c) whether despite Medical practitioners of all the faculties being posted in the hospital, patients are being sent to other private hospitals;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor

(e) the money spent and equipment acquired for the hospital during last three years; and

(f) the measures taken to improve the medical facilities in the hospital ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN) : (a) and (b) As reported by WCL no irregularity in the functioning of Jawaharlal Nehru Hospital at Kanhan has been found by them.

(c) and (d) Doctors are posted in most of the specialities. Patients are referred outside Hospital for treatment which is not available in the Hospital.

(e) Details of the expenditure on equipment, furniture and fixture acquired during the last three years are as under :

(Figures in Rs.)

	1998-99	1999-2000	2000-2001	TOTAL
Equipment	14462.00	26798.00	92400.00	133660.00
Furniture & Fixture	163689.09	60276.00	15854.00	239819.09
Vehicles	504225.70	00.00	00.00	504225.70
TOTAL :	682376.79	87074.00	108254.00	877704.79